

# Warm-Water Discharges

Some plants that generate electricity use water from our rivers or lakes for cooling.



Then it is cleanly discharged back into the river—only much warmer. Fish in these areas respond to tactics much as they would in summer. Some of these waters stay as warm as they do in summer!

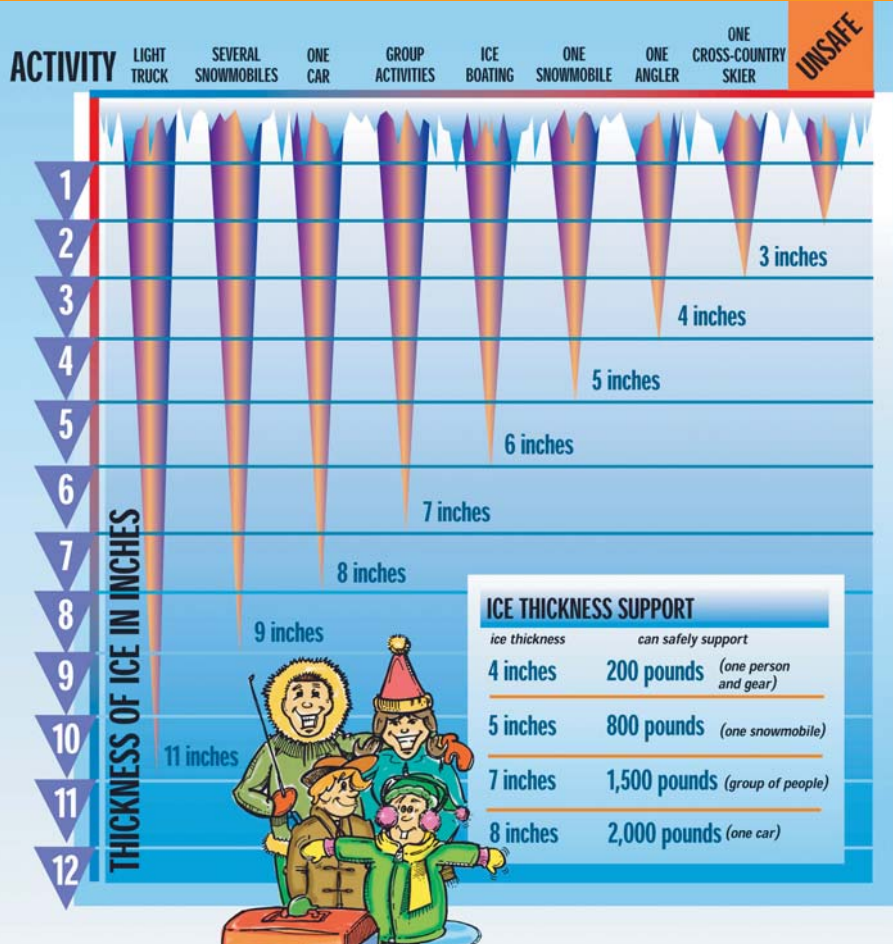
Some anglers use fast-moving lures like crankbaits and spinners.

Fishing with bait is still a very good idea in the winter at these locations. Bait can provide some of the fastest action.

Keep in mind that safety is still important. Floods on our big rivers where these discharges are located can mean danger as well as poor fishing.

## Winter Fishing Safety

- Ice may not be the same thickness all over.
- Stay away from "stickups" like brush, logs, plants or docks.
- Stay away from multiple pressure cracks on the ice.
- When ice fishing, spread out because crowds can add too much weight in the same area.
- When fishing from shore, be extra careful near rivers and streams. Moving water wears ice from underneath, so the ice may look thicker than it really is.
- **Make sure you study this chart so you know when it's safe to go ON the ice.**



Cut out this chart and put it in your tacklebox for safety at your fingertips!